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Several Spiritual Tranſactions unto the Parliament and Common-wealth of ENGLAND,

UNTO

His Excellency the Lord General Cromwell, the Councel of State, the Councel of Warre.

AND

To all that love the ſecond appearing of the Lord Jeſus, the onely wiſe God and everlaſting Father, bleſſed for ever.

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the two last Witnesses and true Prophets impriſoned for the testimony of Jesus Christ, in Old Bridewell.

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Right Honourable and well beloved, in the Year, 1651.

BY vertue of a Commission which we received by voice of words from Heaven, through the glorious mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only true God and everlasting Father: The Lord upon pain of eternal death, commanded us to deliver these Messages following: First, we were directed to go to one *John Tanee*, to convince him of errour, which was exceeding great, in obedience to which command we accordingly went unto him, who first affirmed that there was never any personal God; sure he forgot that saying of the Apostle *Thomas*, who when he had handled the blessed body of the Lord Jesus he called him his Lord and his God; there are divers other places in holy wit that clearly proves the man Jesus to be the only God: Likewise he affirmed, that God could not possibly be confined into the womb of the Virgin; I am sure also that if ever he did read these Scriptures, he wanted faith to believe them, where it is written: *Is there any thing too hard for God? with God all things are possible*; he further said, that that could not be a God that suffered death, and after that was closed in a tomb three days and three nights, I am certain he knows nothing of these Scriptures, where it is written, *I am he that was dead and am alive, and behold I live for evermore, and have the keys of hell and death.* Again, it is written, *that he poured out his soul unto death*, and that *believers are redeemed by the blood of God*; that is, by the life, soul, or spirit of God; because the life, or soul, or spirit lieth in the blood, as it is written: Likewise it was very strange to this *John Tanee*, that God should die, and by his own power raise himself from death to life, and personally ascend into that place of immortal glory beyond the stars, where the persons of holy Angels are resident.

Sure I am, this man believeth no place of Scripture that proveth the power of that God the Man Jesus. who said to the Jews. *I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it up again*: Also it it written. *What and if you shall see the Son of Man ascend from whence hecame?* Also *he was seen to ascend up by above an hundred Disciples at one time*, where it was said by two men in white, *why stand ye gazing here; the same Jesus which ye see ascend, shall in like manner come again.* So that of this Man Jesus the only Lord of Life, which the Scripture throughout bear witness unto, *John Tanee* knew nothing.

But although *John Tanee's* God which he professed be an infinite Spirit, without any personal substance; yet he affirmed, that he had a Commission from his bodyless God, to lead the Nation of Jews unto Jerusalem to make them the only happy people; but this we know from that God that sent us, that his God and himself, and his designs must all perish to eternity; for this *John Tanee*, is the last great mystery *Babylon*, of that lying Notion of the Ranters, that ever shall speak or write against that spiritual mystery of the immortal God clothing himself with flesh in the person of a man, sin only excepted.

Moreover, we declare from our God, that this *John Tanee* is the Prince and head of that Atheistical lie held forth by all filthy Sodomitical Ranters, which are now in the world; these are those spoken of by the Apostle *Paul* that were to fall away from the faith, utterly denying the Lord Jesus and the Holy Scriptures a little before the coming of the great God; these are those cursed Children of that Dragon Devil *Kaine*, who say light and darkness are both one, good and evil are both one; so likewise like blaspheming Reprobates as they are, they say that God and Devil are both one, from which hellish tenent, with greediness they act unrighteousness, sporting themselves

selves in all fleshly filthiness, as the people of *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* did, that they may justly be damned in themselves at the great day of the Lord, because they charged God with all their folly, who as it is written is of so pure a nature, that he can neither be tempted, nor tempt any man to evil: And so much for all ungodly Ranters that dispise a personal God, and John Tanee their King.

The second message that we were sent withal by command from God, was to one *John Robbins* then in the new prison, which was to pronounce a sentence of eternal death upon him for his cruelty towards men, and his blasphemy against the Lord Jesus Christ, for this *John Robbins* is the last great Antichrist, or man of sin, that was to appear to fulfill that Scripture, spoken of by *Paul* in 2 *Thess.* where it is written, *who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

For this *John Robbins* by many people was honoured as a God, for they fell upon their faces at his feet, and worshipped him, calling him their Lord and their God: Likewise, he was pray'd unto as unto a God; moreover, he gave them a Law, commanding them not to mention the name of any other God, but him only; and if they disobeyed his Laws, by his witchcraft power he plagued their spirits and bodies, in the strangest manner that ever was seen, of which we were eye-witnesses; but after the sentance of death, from the Lord Jesus through our mouths was declared against this Prince of Devils, in this age; he was constrained about the space of two months after to disowne his assumed Godhead, through which many were deceived by him, and some brought in their whole Estates unto him, believing on him as their God and only Saviour, unto whom he promised to make the prison doors fly open, and safely conduct them through the Seas into the City of Jerusalem, and there make them eternally happy.

But this cursed design came to a sudden conclusion as is beforesaid, which the Magistrates power could not accomplish, though they imprisoned him, yet after he had heard the sentence of death denounced against him, for his taking the glory of God to himself, he spake these words and no more, saying, *it is finished, the Lord's will be done*; and so much concerning *John Robbins*, who was the King and chief head of all the false Christs, and false Prophets, and Prophetesses, and counterfeit Virgin *Mary's*, with all others witchcraft appearances, whether Quakers, or Shakers, or whatsoever they be, that go under the notion of spiritual power from God at this Day.

After the delivering of these two messages, by virtue of our Commission, we were moved by the spirit of Jesus Christ to deliver a Message unto some Ministers, to make known unto them, that they have no Commission from God to preach unto the people, but they have taken up a Commission from the letter of the Scripture to preach, and from men only, which some of them confessed to be true, but some of them that were puffed up with fleshly honour and profit through their Ministry, they would not acknowledge they had no commission from God to preach, although they could not give a positive answer to any spiritual question to prove themselves Ministers by Commission from the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

For this we know from the Lord, that the sacred Scriptures were spoken by holy Prophets and Apostles, as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so did they speak; therefore none can interpret the holy Scriptures that are so mysterious, according to the mind of God, except he is indued with the infallible spirit of inspiration, as they were that spake the Scriptures; and he that is indued with that blessed spirit hath the life and power of the holy Scriptures shining through his spirit and body, having life eternal abiding in him, and he knows that in the resurrection of the spirits and bodies out of the dust, of

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all mankind at the last day, he shall visibly enjoys a personal glory in immortality, in that everlasting Kingdom of the undefiled Heavens and Earth above the Stars, where the glorious person of God, and holy Angels are resident; this is that place of blessedness that is utterly hid from the wise and prudent men of this world; but prepared for those men that spake the holy Scriptures, and those only that yield obedience unto the holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, the only God all their days; and so much concerning that Message unto some of the Ministers of God so called.

The next thing we shall declare unto you from the Lord is this, that we two only are the last men that ever shall speak or write by Commission from the God, unto the powers and people, whilst this world indureth; therefore whoever lives to see an end of us, shall suddenly see the dissolution of this vain world, and all the glory thereof; but the day and hour is known only unto Jesus Christ the everlasting Father: Moreover, this we know also, that we two are the last men that ever God will give such heavenly understanding of his divine person any more; for we are those two Spiritual Witnesses prophesied of by *John* in Rev. 11. who to fulfil the Scriptures were appointed to appear in this blind age, to make known unto the Elect a little of that unspeakable spiritual mystery of the immortal God and alone eternal Father, cloathing himself with flesh in the person of a man as beforesaid; likewise we know that the only true God the man Jesus upon the Throne of Glory, to his everlasting praise be it spoken, he hath by his blessed Spirit revealed unto us more spiritual understanding of that glorious mistery concerning himself, then ever was, is, or shall be revealed unto men, untill time be swallowed up into eternity, and without the knowledge of this mystery in some measure,

no man can possible enjoy any true peace unto his Soul.

Again, we declare by voice and inspiration from God that we are the conclusion of this mystery which God made known at the first unto *Adam*, in that promise unto him, that *the seed of the woman shoula break the serpents head*; revealing also by his blessed Spirit of it to his chosen from hence untill *Moses* and the Prophets, who spake much of this mystery to the Elect in their times, and from thence to the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the holy mystery itself, when Jehovah the everlasting Father in the time of the Law, became a Son Jesus in the time of the Gospel, yea, and a servant to his Elect Creatures, and from thence to the commission of the Apostles, whose preaching was chiefly of this mystery, because in the knowledge of it only, is the assurance of everlasting life; but as for this commission of the Apostles it continued about 300 years, before it was by the ten persecutions persecuted quite out of the world.

Then after the Roman Gentiles by the sword, to fulfill the words of Christ, had conquered the nation of the Jews, they took possession of the letter of the Scripture, which is the Court without the Temple, spoken of by John in Rev. 11. by which conquest over the Jews, they have been Lords over the letter of the Spripture unto this day, ordaining Ministers of their own to be the Interpreters of the Scriptures, keeping the people in perpetual bondage, making such merchandize of them, that they have lived like Princes by them, Oh! how profitable have these Scriptures been to Reprobate Preachers.

Again, but as for the spirit of life within the holy Temple, God hath reserved it to himself, and he gives it to his elect Jews and Gentiles, from whence they have power within them to obey the letter without them; but the Reprobate worshipeth the letter and his own inventions for his God, but he hath no power from the holy Spirit within the Temple. to

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yield obedience to the letter, without so much honoured by his lips; and this is the cause in men, why so many must suffer the vengeance of eternal death, because they take upon them to be the ministers of God and interpreters of the sacred Scriptures, without a commission from God, they being utterly ignorant of his infallible Spirit, the which blessed Spirit doth enable a man to declare to the sensible understanding of men what the person of God is and his divine nature; and what the persons of holy Angels are, and their natures, and what the person of the Devil was before his fall, and what his person is and shall be eternity; and in what condition *Adam* was created in, and how he came to fall; also what the glory of Heaven is, and the residence of it to eternity, and what Hell and eternal death is, and the place of it to eternity. Moreover we declare from our God, that no man in the world at this time doth clearly understanding any one of these six spirituall things, but we two only, whom the Lord hath sent to declare them unto his chosen ones, appointed unto eternal life; and so much for that truth.

Then immediately after this there came many people unto us, most of them pretending to know what the Lord had spoken unto us, unto whom we gave a full account, with which many seemed well satisfied, but some of them being wise in their conceits, did presume to call our Commission from Jesus Christ, blasphemy, and a delusion of the Devil, and such like; for the which in obedience to the command of our God, we did pronounce them eternally damned for their blasphemy against the Holy Spirit that sent us: And after this manner we continued about the space of one whole year and a quarter, declaring the prerogative power and pleasure of our God, in which time many ignorant blasphemers being moved with envy, they brought themselves under an eternal curse; and so much for that truth.

After this we were moved by the Holy Spirit that

sent us, to command in general the eminent Ministers (in the account of the people, about London and Westminster) to lay down their ministery, because there is not a man of them as before said, hath the spirit of inspiration to declare unto the people, what the true God is, that they may be saved from the wrath to come; wherefore for want of the gift of the Holy Spirit, they teach the people a false God, a false Heaven, a false Devil, and a false Hell; and this is the cause that the people remain in darkness, acting all cruelty one towards another, dying in their sins, and so consequently must be eternally damned; for we that are the Lords Messengers, unto whom God hath given the infallible spirit, do certainly know, that all the Priests, Ministers, or Speakers to the people, in the world, are false and vain, both deceivers of themselves, and of those that love to be deceived by them; therefore they teach the people an immaginary God, which they call an infinite Spirit, not having any bodily substance: Thus instead of instructing the people in true understanding of a spiritual personal God, which to know is life eternal, they teach the people a God of words only: so likewise they teach the people an immaginary Devil also, perswading them that the Devil is an invisible Spirit without a bodly substance, walking, or flying too and froin the air, and they say this immaginary evil Spirit or Devil is he that tempeth all men to that wickedness commited by them; thus they teach the people a Devil that is not, nor ever was, like unto the rest of their false and lying Tenents; as for this truth which is of a transcendent excellency, in general they are utterly ignorant of it; that is, that no invisible Spirit, neither of God, Angels nor Men, can possible have any living being, without a body or person, nor never had: Thus the people are keep from the knowledge of the true God, and from the knowledge of the right Devil; they not thinking in the least, that there is no other

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Devil since the fall of *Adam*, but a man's own Spirit of unclean reason, and wicked immagination; therefore it is written, that *all the immaginations of mans heart are evil, and only evil, and continually evil*; what is that but the Devil, that has nothing in it but evil. Again it is written, *not that which goeth into the belly defileth a man, but that which commeth out if the man, out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries and such like.* Again it is written, *when a man is tempted to evil, he is drawn aside of his own lvst*: Thus it is clear to those that see by the eye of faith, that, that Devil so much spoken of in holy Writ, is that unsatiable lust, naturally arising from that spirit of unclean reason, and wicked immagination dwelling in the body of man, which tempts wicked men to all unrighteousness; wherefore from the Lord we counsel you to watch that Devil within you, and our souls for yours, you shall never be troubled with any invisible Devil without you; for indeed there was never any such evil spirit, or bodyless Devil in the air, as ignorant men have for a long season taught,

Again, if men and women were convinc'd, that there are no other Devils but their own spirits, untill they are born again by the spirit of Jesus Christ, they would then be afraid to act wickedness one towards another, seeing there is nothing to be eternaly damned, but that which acteth unrighteousness; and there is nothing committeth wickedness but men and women; without all controversie since the fall of man there are no other Devils but men and women only, so likewise as aforesaid, they must needs teach a false heaven and hell, that know neither God nor Devil. Again as for the persons of holy Angels, they know nothing of them, nor what condition Adam was created in, or how he came to lose his first estate, only like children, they make mention of a God, and of Angels, and of a Heaven, and of a Devil, and of a Hell; but as for the true understanding of these spiritual things and places, they know certainly no

more of them than Babes: And so much for all false Priests, Ministers or Speakers in this world, who are Ministers of the Letter, and by the will of Man; but are not Ministers of the Spirit by the will of God, and must all perish to eternity, that knows or hears of the truths of God, declared by us, and yet willfully disobey the commission of the Lord in us.

Again, the next thing we shall remonstrate unto you is this, that there was a necessity that God to vindicate his own Glory, should give unto us, or some other men, a Commssion to go forth to the world, because within these twelve years there have been so many in this land, that have come in their own names, calling themselves Christs, and Prophets and Virgin Maries and such like: upon these several sorts which arose to fulfill the Scriptures, we have pronounced the sentence of eternal death, for their robbing God of his glory, who will not give his glory to another, they assuming the titles of God to themselves, yet they lived like Devils as they are, in all carnal and unnatural lusts: Moreover, altho lately there hath appeared so many spiritual counterfeits to fulfill the Scriptures, which say, *you shall know them by their fruits*; yet in general the people are so blind, because their own deeds are evil, that they cannot discern the fruits of these wicked men whether they be good or evil; likewise there are but very few, in comparison of the multitude, that know whether there hath appeared any of these fig-trees whose fruits are leaves only; notwithstanding the lying Priests before their eyes attain to great estates through their skilful merchandizing of the sacred Scriptures; but know this from the Lord, both powers and people, for you shall know it either for your weal or woe, that God hath chosen us two only to be the spiritual Teachers of his everlasting Gospel, and hath given us power to work all righteousness, and hath given us this great power to pronounce his sentence of eternal

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death upon all spiritual counterfeits, and deceiving Scripture Merchants; and it is irrevokable, as sure as there is a God.

Again, if men that counterfeit Commissions from Kings or States, seldom find mercy. what think you then will become of all those that counterfeit Commissions from the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and Creator of all powers: And so much for all Spiritual Counterfeits, and Scriptures lamb-like Wolves, that preach in their own names, or by a commission from man, for want of a commisson from the man Jesus the only wise God and alone Everlasting Father.

Then after we had made it appear to many of the Ministers, that they have no commission from God to preach? and the sentance of death being denounced against them; for their despising to obey the message of the Lord, some of them sent their disciples unto us who being of their own persecuting spirits they came under the sentance of death also; which occasioned the people to come unto us very much for the space of three months following, many blaspheming against the holy Spirit that sent us, came under the same curse. Thus wee continued in obedience to our commission declaring the councels of God unto men, untill about the twelfth of September, 1653. at which time some of our persecutors which were under the sentance accompained with the marshals men with a warrant took us out of our house and brought us before Alderman *Fouke* then Lord Mayor, who after he had examined us he despised the holy spirit and person of the Lord Jesus that sent us, and so came under the sentance of death with our Judas accusors for his cursed blasphemy against the Lord Jesus Christ and his blessed spirit that sent us. And for his unjust committing us to the common Goal of Newgate to try us by the civil Law who did not nor cannot break any civil Law of the common wealth of England, This is the first magistrate that brought himself to

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public shame besides an eternal curse which he shall not escape in the day of the Lords vengeance, for his persecuting of the messengers of the Lord Jesus, and for his medling with that which in the least belongs not to any civil Magistrate; for the duty of the Magistrate is to be skilful in the civil Laws of the Land, and if they find any man to wrong one another in word or deed contrary to those Laws, then impartially ought they to execute Justice between man and man; but they have no Authority to judge us, that are Messengers and prophets sent from God, who are kept by the Power of God, so innocent from the breach of any civil Laws of men, that we are made examples in the fulfilling of them to the whole world.

Moreover, we declare from the Lord, that no civil Magistrate ought to call any man to account for his faith concerning God, or the sacred Scriptures, because there is not a Magistrate in the world at this time, that doth clearly understand what the true God is, or the truth of holy writ: yet this Magistrate to fulfill that Prophesie in the 11th. of the Revelations, concerning his making war with the Witnesses, must needs walk in his Brother *Pilates* steps, who condemn'd the Lord of all life, although his conscience made him say, that he saw nothing in him worthy of death or blame? wherefore as sure as *Pilate* must suffer the vengeance of eternal death, because he preferred his honour among men of more valu, then a good conscience towards God; so likewise this Magistrate Alderman *Fouke*, for his unjust committing of us to prison, who are the Lords Messengers, by his prerogative will, for his honours sake, although his conscience told him that we had not broke any of the civil Laws of England; therefore the Lord by us his Messengers hath set a mark of reprobation upon him, as the Lord marked his Father *Kain*, which shall remain with him to all eternity: And so much for that reprobate Angel, Alderman *Fouke*, and our Antichristian Accusers.

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The next thing we shall remonstrate unto you, is concerning one Alderman *Andrews*, who in his Majoralty persecuted one Captain *Norwood* for blasphemy, which no Magistrate ought to do as beforesaid; because the Lord Jesus from Heaven gave them no Commission to be the judge of mens conscience on earth, concerning blasphemy against God and the sacred Scriptures; for you may know, that the civil Law instructs no man in the knowledge of a spiritual personal God, nor gives him understanding to interpret holy writ, that he might know what is blasphemy against God? yet notwithstanding, this Alderman about the time of our unjust trial for our Faith, caused my two daughters (being but young) to come before him, and he put one of them to her oath, that she should confess unto him whatever he should ask of her: Ye powers of England, we appeal unto you whether this Alderman acted by your Law, or by his own will? likewise he caused my house to be searched at the same time for Books, into which he is not worthy to look; wherefore for his blasphemous speeches unto one Mr. Ledder a New England Merchant, against the holy Spirit that inspired us to write those heavenly books, for the consolation of the blessed, in obedience to our Commission that we received by voice of words from Heaven, we pronounce him cursed and damned soul and body to all eternity: This will be that second reprobate Angels portion in the day of the Lord Jesus, and the portion of all civil Magistrates that persecute men for their consciences, which have not broken their civil Laws: O ye despisers of true Prophesie, and persecutors of innocent men, wonder and perish! for so did your forefathers to the holy Prophets and Apostles in their time: And so much for that persecutor, Alderman *Andrews*.

The next thing we shall remonstrate unto your honours, will be the unjust practice of the Recorder *Steele*, and the London Jury at the sessions time in the Old-Bailey, notwithstanding we gave them a clear

clear demonstration from the Lord Jesus, before our Trial, that they have no Commission from Heaven to judge men, or try men for their faith concerning God and the sacred Scriptures: but as aforesaid, they ought to be wise, and learned in the civil Laws of the common wealth of England, and to execute equal justice unto all men; and in so doing they may enjoy the righteousness of the Law and live in peace all their days: Is it not a strange thing that most Magistrates cannot be contented with their earthly authority and honour they are invested withall; but without a Commission from God presumptuously they will sit upon his throne and rob him of his glory, by taking upon them to judge the Prophets of the Lord, and they will be the judges of blasphemy against God, and yet they know not what the true God is, or whether there is any God at all, but perishing nature only? and they will be the judges of the mind of God in the sacred Scriptures, and yet they know not whether those spiritual Testiments are the wisdome of the immortal God, or the wisdom of mortal men, which if they had faith to believe that holy writ to be the wisdom of Jesus Christ, then would they yield obedience to his blessed spirit, which teacheth men to suffer persecution for the name of Christ, but not to persecute any man for his faith, but to shew mercy to their greatest enemies, but quite contrary to the everlasting Gospel of following peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord to his comfort: The Recorder and the Jury did pronounce us to be blasphemers, for our declaring the man Jesus that died at *Jerusalem*, and arose from death to life by his own power, to be the only God and everlasting Father; for this glorious truth sake, which they call blasphemy, they have commited us to Old-Bridewell, there to remain six months without bail or main.prize: O ye Parliament and Powers of England! if there be a man amongst you that hath any light of the spirit of Jesus Christ within you, you must needs acknowledge

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this sentance against us to be contrary to all your civil Laws, and all your engagements you were pleased to make with your Brethren the free-born people of England, and contrary to all equity and conscience in those men that have any true hope of salvation at the appearing of Jesus Christ, who will suddenly come in flaming fire, with his ten thousands of Saints, to recompence vengeance upon the souls and bodies of all persecutors of conscience, both great and small, and upon all men that know not God, nor obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ; wherefore because the Recorder of *London* and the Jury beforesaid did rob Jesus Christ of his glory, and like Devils as they are did condemn the Lord of life that sent us, by blaspheming against his holy Sprit, in obedience to the Commisson we have received from the glorious mouth of the everliving God, from the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, Elect men and Angels, we pronounce the Recorder and the Jury cursed and damned souls and bodies to all eternity; and so much for our unjust Trial, and the just sentance of Jesus Christ upon the third Reprobate Angel and his Brethren, those inferiour dark Angels who esteemed more of the honour of a man appointed to perish, then the glory of God and their own eternal salvation.

Thus according to truth, we have given your honours a brief discription of the Commsssion of the true God committed to our charge, with a Remonstrance of those spiritual transactions we have been carried through by the power of our God, having often been in danger of our lives, by unreasonable men, for his name sake, because they could not bear this sharp Commission which the Lord put upon us the third, fourth and fifth days of February, 1651

And now in the last place, in the name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ that sent us, we shall write a few lines unto all your honours serious considerations by way of Recital of your ingaging your lives, and liberties, and honours, and all that is dear unto you, unto your Brethern the free born people of England,

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that they should not only injoy their civil liberties, but the liberty of their Consciences also towards God, which is of more value than this whole world; upon this account your Brethern did not only write engagements with you, but they did freely venture their lives and all that was dear unto them against the common Enemy, for the preservation of your persons and posterities they not doubting in the least of your faithfulness towards them, that were so faithful towards you concerning their liberties, but especialy the liberty of their consciences, which belongs not to man to judge, but to God only that knows the heart; you know that the Scripture saith, that Jesus Christ is the only judge both of quick and dead. Therefore we hop you will alow him also to be the alone judge of all men's faith concerning God and the sacred Scriptures; which if you grant him this his royal prerogative, then you will come to understand that, that Magistrate that takes upon him to sentance men for their faith concerning God and the sacred Scriptures, he usurpeth Gods Throne, and robs him of his glory, and so brings upon his self an eternal curse.

Again, we declare from the holy Spirit that sent us, that if you perform your Covenant to your Brethren concerning their conscience towards God and the holy Scriptures, then you shal tread all the common Enemies of this nation under your feet both by Sea and Land for ever; let all the wise men in the nation gainsay what we have written, you shall find them all Liars, if you make trial of this councel of the Lords, sent unto you by us his last Messengers; for you know that it was the Ecclesiastical Tyranny of the Bishops Courts over mens consciences, which was the chief thing that provoked the religious, consciencious men more faithfully then others; couragiously to fight your hottest battles, for the liberty of their consciences, many hundreds of them being slain upon this account, leaving their Wives and Children in a mourning condition behind them: Also

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you know that the Synod sat about four years in an Ecclesiastical manner to prove themselves *Jure Divino*; but in the end they were all found to be but *Jure Humano*; that is they were manifested not to be the Ministers of God. but ordained of men only: Thus this Synod of young Bishops striving to set in the old Bishops tyrannical Chair, being discovered, they were soon dissolved.

Wherefore O ye powers of England, seeing you, and the people for liberty of conscience, did join together as one man, and have conquered all Ecclesistical Tyrants and Monsters of men, we beseech you let your Brethren the free-born people enjoy the liberty of their conscience which they have bought at so dear a rate, and suffer not this Ecclesiastical Tyranny to reign in the civil Magistrate, which you have fought against in those that were established from the Kings power in their Ecclesiastical Tyranny by a Law, which if you do establish again by a Law, you can never sit upon the Throne in safety, nor enjoy the peace of your consciences, which is of more value then this whole World; for we that are the Lords Messengers, what ever we suffer, we must tell you (whatever cursed men tell you to the contrary) that persecution of conscience is the great sin of Rebellion against God, which is as the sin of witchcraft; wherefore that Magistrate which persecutes men for their faith concerning God and the Scriptures, commits that unpardonable sin against the holy Spirit, which can never be repented of, and so consequently must perish eternally, as sure as God is God: Therefore O ye Powers of England! be wise and learned, and quit yourselves like wise Councellors, by delivering yourselves from that spiritual Babylonish yoak of persecuting men for their faith, and hearken no more to the cunning *Achitophels*, and lying Trenchar-Chaplains of this pershing world, but hearken to the voice of Jesus christ within you, who is the only true God, alone Minister & Councellor by his holy Spirit of all men appointed to Salvation; then may you clearly distinguish between the things

that are *Cæsars* and the things that are Gods.

Thus we being confident, that if the Lord Jesus that sent us have delight in any of your persons, then after the perusal thereof you will never enjoy any true peace more, untill you have set at liberty all the prisoners in your dominions, that suffer purely for their conscience towards God, they not being guilty of the breach of the civil Laws of the parliament and common-wealth of England, and in so doing, your honours Names that are made the Instrument thereof, shall refresh or heal the wounds of all the chosen of God living in your territories, like unto the Balm of *Gilead*, and you shall be renowned unto the ends of the Earth, above all the Princes in the world: But on the contrary, if you are left to the hardness of your own hearts, as King *Pharoah* was, to join with the persecutors of the little ones of Jesus Chtist beforesaid, *it had been better for you that you had never been born, or that a milstone were hanged about you. neck and that you were all cast into the midst of the sea:* These words of truth were spoken by him that cannot lie, who hath sent us that are the last Messengers to give you notice whilst you have time, of his sudeden appearing to judge both quick and dead; so desiring our God, if it be his good pleasure, to make your spirits obedient unto this spiritual Message of his, we remain, *Your Honours to Command,*

In all Righteousness, till Death.

John Reeve and *Lodowick Muggleton*, in opposition of all gainsayers in the word, are made able, from the Spirit of Jesus Christ that sent us clearly by the sacred Scripture to remonstrate and prove, that the Man Jesus now glorified, was, and is the only God and Father from eternity to eternity, and that he is the alone Creator of all things, or forms that are made in both worlds, aud this Jesus our blessed Lord and Saviour hath sent us, for this very end and purpose, to pronounce all those that receive this divine Truth, the blessed of the Lord to eternity, and all those that dispise this saving Truth, to declare them from the Lord cursed to eteruity.

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